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Docket No. GC450-D1-US

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In re Application of )  
De Buyl et al. ) Group Art Unit: 1637  
Serial No.: 09/909,207 ) Examiner: Wilder, Cynthia B.  
Filed: July 19, 2001 )  
For: XYLANASE, MICRORGANISMS )  
PRODUCING IT, DNA MOLECULES, )  
METHODS FOR PREPARING THIS )  
XYLANASE AND USES OF THE LATTER )

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**RESPONSE**

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This is in response to the Office Action of March 5, 2003, (Paper No. 9). A Three-Month Extension of Time is being filed concurrently herewith. Therefore, this Response is being filed on or before the current due date of September 5, 2003. Reconsideration of the above-referenced patent application is respectfully requested in light of the following Amendments and Remarks.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

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